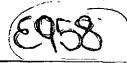
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CASE DURING SEPTEMBER 16 PLENARY SESSION

- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. AMBASSADOR ZIMMERMANN'S INITIATIVE DURING THE FRIDAY CSCE PLENARY IN CALLING ON MOSCOW TO MAKE FULL DISCLOSURE OF THE FATE OF RADUL WALLENBERG A PART OF ITS DRIVE TO UNCOVER THE SECRETS OF SOVIET HISTORY WAS ECHOED BY CANADA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, SWEDEN, AND SWITZERLAND. SURPRISINGLY, HUNGARY'S AMBASSADOR ERDOS ADDED BUDAPEST'S NAME TO THE LIST OF PETITIONERS. SOVIET AMBASSADOR KASHLEY WAS CONCILIATORY IN RESPONSE AND PROMISED TO PUBLICIZE ANY NEW INFORMATION TURNED UP BY INTENSIFIED SCHOLARLY INVESTIGATION IN THE SOVIET PAST.

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3. AMBASSADOR ZIMMERMANN RAISED THE ISSUE OF RADUL CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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WALLENBERG'S FATE, REMINDING THE PLENARY PARTICIPANTS

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OF WALLENBERG'S HEROISM AND LIFESAVING SUCCOR TO
BUDAPEST'S JEWS DURING THE WANING DAYS OF THE NAZI

DCCUPATION OF HUNGARY. CITING THE USSR'S INCREASING
EFFORTS TO RESPONSIBLY ILLUMINATE ITS OWN HISTORY,
AMBASSADOR ZIMMERMANN CALLED ON THE SOVIETS TO GO
BEYOND THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF 1957, WHICH CLAIMED
THAT WALLENBERG HAD DIED A DECADE EARLIER, AND MAKE AN
INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE PART OF THEIR DRIVE TO
CORRECT THE HISTORICAL RECORD. (FULL TEXT OF
AMBASSADOR ZIMMERMANN'S STATEMENT REPORTED SEPTEL)

- 4. CANADA'S AMBASSADOR BAUER PICKED UP THE US THEME AND POINTED TO THE "IRREFUTABLE" EVIDENCE THAT WALLENBERG LIVED ON IN SOVIET PRISONS WELL AFTER 1947. CLAIMING THAT SOVIET EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY FOR WALLENBERG'S HUMANITARIAN WORKS WERE INADEQUATE, CANADA CALLED ON MOSCOW TO RESOLVE THE WALLENBERG CASE AND PUNISH THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS CONTINUED IMPRISONMENT.
- 5: IN A SYMPATHETIC TONE, AMBASSADOR KASHLEV RESPONDED FOR THE USSR. HE AGREED THAT IMPORTANT NEW SCHOLARSHIP WAS "CLEARING UP" THE "STAINS OF HISTORY." GOING FURTHER, HE PLEDGED THAT ANY NEW INFORMATION ON WALLENBERG WHICH COMES TO LIGHT IN THE COURSE OF ONGOING RESEARCH WILL BE PUBLICLY DISCLOSED.
- 6. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE US AND CANADA BY THE UK, SWEDEN, AND SWITZERLAND, HUNGARY "JOINED ITS VOICE" WITH THE WESTERN CHORUS AND CALLED ON MOSCOW TO "AUTHENTICALLY ESTABLISH THE FACTS" OF WALLENBERG'S FATE SPEAKING FOR BUDAPEST, AMBASSADOR ERDOS TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO "COMMEMORATE" CONFIDENTIAL

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WALLENBERG'S HUMANITARIAN ACHIEVEMENTS, NOTING THAT HUNGARY HONORS HIM AS A "HERD" AGAINST NAZISM.

7: COMMENT. WE IN VIENNA ARE STRUCK FIRST BY AMBASSADOR KASHLEY'S CONCILIATORY TONE (IN MARKED CONTRAST TO THE REST OF HIS STATEMENT REPORTED SEPTEL), THE MOST FORTHCOMING ON WALLENBERG IN OUR COLLECTIVE MEMORY. SECONDLY, WE NOTE HUNGARY'S PUBLIC COMMUNION WITH THE WESTERN STATES ON THE ISSUE. ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR KASHLEY HAS PREPARED A FUTURE ESCAPE HATCH

